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of:

1. A character processing method, comprising the steps

performing at-a-glance display of a plurality of registered character strings;

allowing a character string to be selected from among the displayed character strings; and

causing the selected character string to be displayed at a position pointed by a cursor.

2. A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the selection of the character string is achieved by an instruction which designates a position in a region in which the character string to be selected is displayed.

3. A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the at-a-glance display of the character strings is performed on a soft keyboard display screen.

4. A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the at-a-glance display of the character strings is performed in accordance with an instruction given through a soft keyboard display screen.

5. A character processing method according to Claim 4, wherein the at-a-glance display of the character strings is displayed in place of the soft keyboard display screen, in response to said instruction.

6. A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of character strings have been registered through an operation performed by the user.

7. A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the selected character string is input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string to be added to image information.

8. A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the at-a-glance display of the registered character strings is performed on a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string to be added to image information.

9. A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the selected character string is input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string designating a destination to which information is to be sent.

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11. A character processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the at-a-glance display of the registered character strings is implemented on an operation panel of a copying machine.

13. A character processing method according to Claim 2,
wherein said instruction is given through a touch panel.

14. A character processing method according to Claim 2,
wherein said instruction is given through a digitizer.

15. A character processing method according to Claim 2, wherein said instruction is given through a coordinate input device.

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16. A character processing method, comprising the steps
of:

performing an at-a-glance display of a plurality of
registered character strings;

allowing selection of a desired character string from
among the displayed character strings;

receiving an editorial instruction indicating an
editorial work to be effected on the selected character
string;

effecting the editorial work in accordance with the
editorial instruction on the selected character string; and

updating the registered character strings in accordance
with the result of the editorial work.

17. A character processing method according to Claim 16,
wherein said editorial instruction is to add a character.

18. A character processing method according to Claim 16,
wherein said editorial instruction is to delete a character.

19. A character processing method according to Claim 16,
wherein said editorial instruction is input through a
displayed soft keyboard.

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20. A character processing apparatus, comprising:
at-a-glance displaying means for performing at-a-glance
display of a plurality of registered character strings;
selecting means for enabling a character string to be
selected from among the displayed character strings; and
displaying means for displaying the selected character
string at a position pointed by a cursor.

21. A character processing apparatus according to Claim
20, wherein said selecting means selects the character
string in accordance with an instruction which designates a
position in a region in which the character string to be
selected is displayed.

22. A character processing apparatus according to Claim
20, wherein said at-a-glance displaying means comprises
means for displaying a soft keyboard display screen.

23. A character processing apparatus according to Claim
20, wherein the at-a-glance display of the character strings
is performed in accordance with an instruction given through
a soft keyboard display screen.

24. A character processing apparatus according to Claim
23, wherein the at-a-glance display of the character strings

is displayed in place of the soft keyboard display screen, in response to said instruction.

25. A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said plurality of character strings have been registered through an operation performed by the user.

26. A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the selected character string is input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string to be added to image information.

27. A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said at-a-glance displaying means displays on a display screen to enable entry of a character string to be added to image information.

28. A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the selected character string is input to a display screen which is displayed to enable entry of a character string designating a destination to which information is to be sent.

29. A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said at-a-glance displaying means displays a

display screen to enable entry of a character string designating a destination to which information is to be sent.

30. A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said at-a-glance displaying means comprises an operation panel of a copying machine.

31. A character processing apparatus according to Claim 20, further comprising a printer for outputting the selected character string.

32. A character processing apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising a touch panel through which said instruction is given.

33. A character processing apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising a digitizer through which said instruction is given.

34. A character processing apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising a coordinate input device through which said instruction is given.

35. A character processing apparatus, comprising:
at-a-glance displaying means for performing an at-a-

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inputting means for enabling input of an editorial instruction indicating an editorial work to be effected on the selected character string;

updating means for updating the registered character strings in accordance with the result of the editorial work.

37. A character processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein said editorial instruction is to delete a character.

38. A character processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein said at-a-glance displaying means further comprises a soft keyboard displaying means for displaying a soft keyboard as a display screen through which said editorial instruction is input.

39. A character processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein the update performed by said updating means includes addition of a character string.

40. A character processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein the update performed by said updating means includes deletion of a character string.

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41. A computer-readable storage medium which stores:
program codes for performing at-a-glance display of a plurality of registered character strings;
program codes for allowing a character string to be selected from among the displayed character strings; and
program codes for causing the selected character string to be displayed at a position pointed by a cursor.

42. A computer-readable storage medium which stores:
program codes for performing an at-a-glance display of a plurality of registered character strings;
program codes for allowing selection of a desired character string out of the displayed character strings;
program codes for receiving an editorial instruction indicating an editorial operation to be effected on the selected character string;

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program codes for effecting the editorial operation in accordance with the editorial instruction on the selected character string; and

program codes for updating the registered character strings in accordance with the result of the editorial operation.

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